



SMOLDERING RUINS of a house fire at 8564 Carmel Valley Road which broke out in the kitchen when no one was home last Friday. Volunteer Firefighter Erick Hanzelka was one of 20 firefighters from Mid Carmel Valley Fire Department which fought the blaze at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Angelo Soares. No one was injured but two firefighters were treated for muscle strain and bruises when the ceiling collapsed from the weight of water. Two dogs, a cat and goldfish were rescued. Damage was estimated at \$50,000 to the house and \$7,000 to the contents. Traffic on Carmel Valley Road was held up for 45 minutes during the noon hour as firefighters ran a 4-inch line from the hydrant on the north side of the road across the highway until they could bring in a water tender with 3,500 gallons of water once the fire was under control. The house is almost directly across the highway from the Fire Department.

Sun Photo by John Anderson.

Water Board Sets Hookup Limits—with Exemptions

By Carolyn Rice

The water board set out rules for limiting water hookups Monday night, but approved so many exemptions that one board member questioned whether there would be any savings.

"It's not inconceivable that we have given so many exemptions here that we could end up right where we started from," Dale Hekhuis observed. He directed the staff of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District to develop an estimate of the water needed to provide for the exemptions.

During the six-hour marathon meeting Monday night, the Board also:

- o Accepted the resignation of Bruce Buel who has been general manager since the water board's inception nearly 11 years ago. It is effective Feb. 7.

- o Approved citizen appointments to a water rationing review committee after Paul Davis withdrew his nomination of Nick Lombardo, former chairman of the water board. Lombardo's nomination had drawn a number of protests.

Exemptions to the ban on water hookups include single family dwelling lots of record, low and moderate income housing, senior housing with some re-

strictions and commercial lots that will not use more water than a single family home.

Residential remodels that do not increase water use and remodels that do increase water use but can be combined with retrofitting will also be exempt. The retrofitting can include water-saving measures such as low-flow toilets, recirculating hot water systems, reduced turf and landscape drip systems.

Another significant exemption is all the projects in the district that are currently in process and have received approval.

Projects that will not receive water permits under the new ordinance include commercial, industrial, multi-family, new subdivisions and private open space uses such as golf courses.

The Board does plan to make exceptions for some nonprofit agencies such as the new Hospice and the proposed nonprofit center for local volunteer agencies.

The water management staff will prepare an ordinance to reflect the Board's decisions Monday night, and on Jan. 22, members will take a final look at all the measures proposed and vote on the ordi-

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Draft Study

Fire Department Consolidation Holds Possible Dollar Savings

By Bob Bates

Consolidation of the fire departments in the Greater Carmel Valley region could produce a \$400,000 annual saving and more uniform service, according to a draft study just released to regional fire protection providers.

But the study by Hughes, Heiss and Associates of San Mateo said the savings to the four fire protection agencies and seven jurisdictions would only result if the Pebble Beach Fire Department was included in any consolidation.

The fire departments studied include: Carmel Valley, Carmel Highlands, Pebble Beach, Carmel Mid Valley, Cachagua and two County Service Areas, CSA 43, at Rio Road at the mouth of the Valley, and CSA 39, adjacent to Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula on Highway 68.

Pebble Beach and the two County Service Areas contract fire protection services from the California Department of

Forestry while the other four entities provide for their own fire protection with largely volunteer staffs.

The report said consolidation would achieve savings by reducing the number of paid staff positions and eliminating duplication in administration, equipment and services performed by the individual fire departments. It also said more uniform service could be provided to the entire area if some consolidation took place.

"The staff positions currently handling program activities in the Carmel Mid Valley Fire Protection District could provide the core of management staff needed to handle operations for the entire region," the study said.

Critics of the consolidation concept point to local control as a major bone of contention.

"We provide services to our community that larger departments would not

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Ticket Sales Brisk for Monday's Village Affair

Ticket sales are picking up briskly for Monday evening's Village Affair, a party at Los Laureles Lodge to benefit the project to build safe, convenient pedestrian pathways through the Village.

Featured will be live and silent auctions, entertainment by singing Deputy Pat Duval and a chance to sample some of the best food and wines in the Valley. It will be from 5 to 8.

Organizers said ticket sales got off to a slow start when they went on sale just after the holidays, but are picking up sharply as the time for the event nears.

Peter Coakley, who is heading up ticket sales for the sponsoring Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee

(CVVIC), said: "We're expecting a good turnout and a really good party. I know people won't want to miss it."

Admission to the affair is a \$25 donation per person. Tickets are on sale in advance at restaurants in the Village but may be purchased at the door, Coakley said.

Sharon Coats, manager of Rippling River where 78 elderly and handicapped people live, urged residents to support the fundraiser. "The extension of the pathways through the rest of the Village is critical to people in wheelchairs or who have other trouble getting around. Without the pathways, some places are inaccessible to them, or to get there, they must risk traveling on the edge of the road."

CVVIC, with the help of local businesses, already has raised \$21,000 to provide safe walkways. The next major extension is planned from Chambers Lane to Village Drive.

Eventually CVVIC hopes to provide pathways from Rippling River and the Post Office on the east, through the Village to the Community Center and Ford Road.

An unusual feature of the live auction, to be conducted by David Armanasco, is the chance for participants to buy the services of one of the top seven chefs in the area who will prepare a meal for up to eight people at the winning bidder's home.

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LETTERS

Gender Important

The Monterey County Commission on the Status of Women is pleased by your Nov. 22 story of the selection of Wendy Duffy as the county's first woman judge. The importance here is, of course, her gender in addition to her qualifications. That is why we are concerned about the use of the term "Chairman" when referring to Kathleen Baker of the Commission. If it is not obvious, we should like you to know that:

1. There are no men on this commission.
2. The exact titles are Chair and Vice Chair.
3. The Commission's charge by the Board of Supervisors is to be pro active, to address sexist behaviors, attitudes and beliefs within our community and educating where possible.

We would hope in future mentions of women who preside over meetings you will use the more appropriate term "Chair."

Darlene Dunham, Chair
Commission on the Status of Women

Measure "B" a Shame

The recent recount of the ballots on Measure "B" triggers this response. I consider the passage of this tax measure by a scant 5 votes a shame. The only proper thing that should come out of this should be call for a new and strictly legitimate election.

This was not democratic representation of the people. It was a deliberate autocratic ramming of bureaucratic ideas down the throats of the public. This was done by the Board of Supervisors (Supervisor Petrovic dissenting), with the surreptitious help of State Representative Sam Farr sneaking through a bill in the Assembly that would allow a tax measure to be passed without a 2/3rds majority vote, with no input from the people. How autocratic can you get?

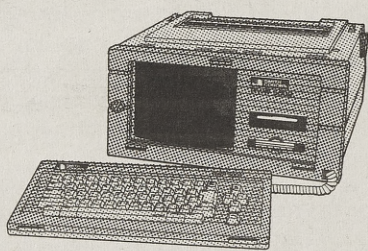
I cry Shame on our representative government. I salute Dusan Petrovic for his outspoken opposition to this, and his call for a court challenge. I don't have the money either to mount this challenge, but Dusan and I can join in a plea to the public to support the Monterey peninsula Taxpayers Association and ask them to challenge in court the constitutionality of this measure. I also cry Shame on the voting public. You sit back and wring your hands, decrying the imposition of stupid acts like Measure "B" on your lives, but you can't find the time to REGISTER and VOTE.

Jack Sassard
Carmel Valley

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Odello Ranch Comment

Following the Sun's article on the proposed Odello development, may I point out that the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is still available at local libraries, but public comment will be accepted by the County only until January 13.

The Sun correctly notes that motorists on Highway #1 have only brief views across the artichoke fields or whatever is built in their place. My own belief is that motorists need to keep their eyes on the traffic, and that the major visual impact of Odello development will be on residents who now overlook the Odello lands from the north.

A bit more background is appropriate for those who have not read the Draft EIR. County policies for Class I (prime agricultural) soils call for their retention in agricultural use. A special exception was made in the Local Coastal Plan, as approved by the County and the State Coastal Commission, to allow some residential and commercial development in Odello East in exchange for flood control measures which might protect Mission Fields and the Crossroads from flooding by the Carmel River. It was felt that this benefit would compensate somewhat for the negative environmental impacts inseparable from development. However, the project as now proposed does not include a flood control element.

Little time is left in which to influence the EIR, but you can still read it, and contribute to public input at the hearings which will be held in Salinas during the coming months.

Robert Greenwood
Carmel

A fine point, perhaps, but worth making: the Sun did not note that it only takes a few seconds to drive past the Odellos' artichoke fields. Mrs. Odello made that observation and the Sun simply reported on it.—Ed.

Maddening Feature

I have just received my first edition of the Carmel Valley Sun, having just moved into my new home. It makes me mad that you choose to advertise to your entire readership the price that I paid for my home.

I admit that it is a matter of public record, but very few people are likely to go to the courthouse to check on such matters. As far as I'm concerned, it is important only to the buyer, the seller and the Tax Collector.

I would like to suggest that you drop the Home Sales "feature" from your paper.
Pam Irving
Carmel

Manipulated to Disaster

It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World! Wake up Peninsula! You're being manipulated into economic and social disaster by the new majority of the Water Board. They are not telling you the truth about our water situation because they want to shut the community down and punish the business sector until they feel there has been some pain and suffering, and maybe a little revenge is in the formula, too.

Here are the facts. The source of the information is available to you to verify. Cal-am publishes a monthly report for the Water District. It tracks water use by City and County area and compares the numbers to prior use and to allocated water.

A year ago the annualized water use was 16,384 acre feet. For the last twelve months, the water use has been only 12,105 acre feet! We have cut our use by 4,168 acre feet a year. 12,195 acre feet of annual water use is a major victory for the community and verifies the successful, responsible planning and forethought that went into the current conservation and rationing concepts. How can anyone suggest that we need a moratorium and a review and restructure of the rationing program in the face of such an excellent result.

We have more water in storage than we did 12 months ago by over 1,000 acre feet. There has been no economic upheaval, and we have learned to overcome the minor inconveniences of the conservation requirements and the nominal rationing.

What kind of despotic leadership would be so intent on their narrow agenda of control that they would unnecessarily tip this community towards layoffs, loss of tax revenue, eliminating the funding mechanism for building a new dam, and shutting down the little bit of economic opportunity left for the citizenry.

The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) Directors should quit playing games with the well-being of the working class, productive people of this community who need their jobs. We don't need to reinvent the conservation wheel, ours is working just great. Get on with the important business at hand. A dam, and damn soon. Everything else is just wasteful of staff resources and the little bit of money you have left.

MPWMD Directors, don't make the mistake of misinterpreting your supposed mandate. The community dislikes and distrusts the board, regardless of the names of the members. That's how you got there and that's why you'll be turned out if you don't get a dam or another major project built soon. You're not kings, only pawns and your chess board is an open arena.

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Leaders See Resource Problems as Main Challenge of the 1990s

Asked to assess the '90s, community leaders predicted that assuring enough water and managing other resources and infrastructure needs will be the most difficult problems for the area in the decade ahead.

In an informal survey by the *Sun*, they also answered almost unanimously that the greatest opportunity in the '90s will be to live in and enjoy one of the loveliest spots in the country—if not the world.

While offering their predictions for the '90s, many respondents also qualified them by noting that mankind has a sorry record when it comes to forecasting the future.

Typical was Dick Heuer, chairman of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District. "The lesson of history is that history is full of surprises," he said. "The only thing we can be certain of is that the future will be very different than we expect it to be."

Those responding to the *Sun's* survey and a synopsis of their answers includes:

Max Chaplin

President, CVPOA

Greatest challenge of the 90s? It looks like water. Growth will be dealt with by the (Carmel Valley) Master Plan.

Greatest opportunity in the '90s? Living in one of the loveliest places in the United States and having a chance to enjoy it. Economic growth is expanding as fast as we can handle it. The County appears to be in pretty good shape.

Surprise trends or events that will mark the '90s? We will see the need to face our national debt—both public and private. We also will be challenged to finance the renewal of our infrastructure.

Dr. Bob Infelise

Superintendent of Schools

Greatest challenge? Provide the resources, such as water, that we need to maintain our physical environment. I'm optimistic we will be able to do that. I have great faith in the people.

Greatest opportunity? Enjoying the beautiful place in which we live. The hospitality industry is the No. 1 industry in the area, and there's lots of opportunity there without degrading the natural beauty or the environment.

Surprising trends? I think we are going to be able to solve our problems in the '90s. I also foresee dramatic changes in

transportation—how we get from one place to another. Maybe that's just wishful thinking.

Dick Heuer

Chairman of the Water Board

Greatest challenge? Balancing the pressures for growth and the need to maintain a healthy business community against the need to protect the environment and preserve the quality of life here. It will be extremely difficult to do.

Greatest challenge? To live in and enjoy one of the most marvelous areas in the country and the world.

Greatest surprise. Lots of them. People try to predict the future by simply projecting what is happening now into the days ahead. It rarely happens that way.

Gene Erner

President, Carmel Valley Kiwanis

Greatest challenge? Two interrelated items—providing sufficient water and doing efficient land use planning. I'm not optimistic. Why? On many of the issues facing the area, people seem to divide into two intransigent camps. The extreme views on any issue—the radical and the reactionary—seem to get the most visibility. This tends to harden views in the middle, making compromise and accommodation difficult.

Greatest opportunity? A great economic opportunity is real estate—Carmel Valley land. It holds great opportunity because of the strict growth limitations established by the Carmel Valley Master Plan and because some of the infrastructure problems are unlikely to be solved.

Greatest surprise? Although some politicians are making the availability of low and moderate income housing a priority, it won't happen in Carmel Valley. With a limited supply of real estate available, economic pressures will make it too expensive to use for anything but high-

density, low cost housing and that's prohibited by the Master Plan.

Karin Strasser Kauffman

5th District Supervisor

Greatest challenge? The need for regional cooperation in resource management—in dealing with air, traffic, sewer and water problems facing the area. All the plans now being proposed by the cities and other entities in the area, when taken together, are unrealistic. I can see no way for any jurisdiction in our area to proceed with its plans without being aware of the impact they will have on other jurisdictions. They are all interrelated. We must have regional coordination, and I'm optimistic we can achieve it by working together to find fair and equitable solutions.

Greatest opportunity? With increased public awareness of the importance of our scenery, environment and quality of life, public support will get solidly behind land use policies adopted for Carmel Valley. Carmel Valley is a leader in protecting its environment. What is happening in Carmel Valley sooner or later will happen in the rest of the country, I think.

Greatest surprise? I try not to get ahead of my constituents. But they frequently surprise me with the ideas and proposals they come up with. One of the strengths of our area is its retirement community, full of people with expertise and knowledge who care about the issues affecting the area. These people offer a great number of public policy suggestions with great potential.

Roger Williams

Member, Citizen's Advisory Committee For Village Design Criteria

Greatest challenge? Transportation will present the most difficult problem to solve in the '90s. The Village is the transportation funnel through which all future development in the upper Valley must pass.

We have little choice but to oppose further large-scale housing developments now in an attempt to give road development, including the Hatton Canyon mess, time to catch up to existing and future traffic loads.

Greatest challenge? Additional layers of government are never desirable, but when you consider the performance of the county, incorporation of a "Carmel Valley" town appears more attractive. I predict that before the '90s are out, the area of greatest opportunity will lie in self government for Carmel Valley.

Greatest surprise? It would come as no surprise to me if the upper Valley aquifers play an important part in providing Peninsula water supplies in the '90s. Test wells and private producing wells indicate reserves of thousands of acre feet of water. These reserves, perhaps coupled with a series of small reservoirs tied together to store excess runoff, might be a partial answer to the area's water storage problem.

March of Dimes Gala Set for January 20

Celebrity chefs will be cooking for the 1990 March of Dimes Gourmet Gala Jan. 20 at the Monterey Sheraton.

The fundraiser, which last year netted \$60,000 for March of Dimes research and services, will feature such entertainer-cooks as Jaclyn Smith, Artie Johnson, Ruth Buzzi, Giselle McKenzie and Pat Morita.

Among the celebrity judges will be Jeremiah Tower of Stars in San Francisco, noted cookbook author and food editor emeritus of the New York Times Craig Claiborne and Bert Cutino, co-owner of the Sardine Factory in Monterey and a Certified Executive Chef member of the American Academy of Chefs. Tickets are \$150 per person.

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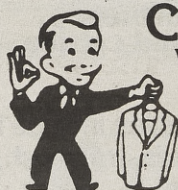
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that I might do better things.
I asked for riches,
that I might be happy...
I was given poverty,
that I might be wise.
I asked for power,
that I might have the praise of men...
I was given weakness,
that I might feel the need of God.
I asked for all things,
that I might enjoy life...
I was given life,
that I might enjoy all things.
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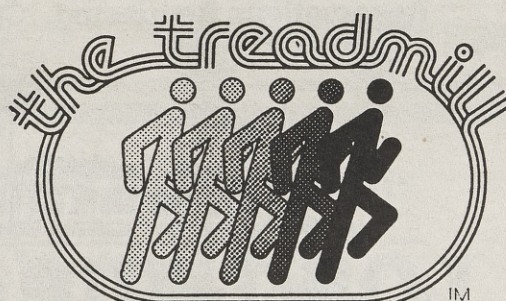
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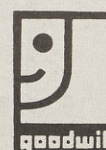
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SHERIFF'S LOG

HIGHWAY 1. Highlands Chevron station broken into and the cash register was stolen. 12/18.

MID VALLEY. A resident reported a neighbor was driving recklessly on their common driveway. 12/18.

CARMEL RANCHO. The front and rear doors of Jimmy's Restaurant were found open, but a check showed everything was fine. 12/18.

Mail Reported Stolen

VILLAGE. A man reported mail had been stolen from his mailbox on Boronda Road. 12/21.

CROSSROADS. A Safeway clerk reported two men were sniffing gases from whipped cream cans; one man was apprehended and arrested for drunkenness. 12/21.

MID VALLEY. A woman reported three large Christmas parcels were stolen from her home on Del Mesa Drive. 12/21.

MID VALLEY. Two suspects broke into the Quail Lodge BP station, tried unsuccessfully to open a safe and finally made off with a cash drawer containing about \$175. 12/22.

VILLAGE. Someone reached through a louvered window at Randazzo's Village Market and took several bottles of rum. 12/22.

HIGHWAY 1. Oklahoma tourists reported someone broke into their car while it was parked at Point Lobos and took a purse containing about \$496. 12/22.

A Carpet Caper

DEL MESA CARMEL. Workmen from Carmel Valley Floors reported someone took a roll of carpet valued at \$500 while they were laying carpet at unit #135. 12/23.

HIGHWAY 1. A San Diego woman reported her car was burglarized while it was parked at Garrapata State Beach. 12/23.

MID VALLEY. A door at Safeway was found open, but no problem was found. 12/24.

MID VALLEY. A woman reported someone had been using her car at night without her permission while it was parked outside her Robinson Canyon home. 12/26.

VILLAGE. A resident reported the theft of a radar detector from his parked car. 12/27.

VILLAGE. A man reported finding a woman's wedding ring in the dirt near his home. 12/27.

HIGHWAY 1. A woman reported she put her purse in the trunk of her car while hiking near Bixby Bridge and returned to find it gone, but there was no sign of forced entry. 12/28.

Long-Term Drain

VILLAGE. Caught on videotape, a 43-year-old Carmel Valley man arrested for shoplifting admitted he had been stealing beer every day for a month from Randazzo's Market. Deputies said he would pick up several beers, pay for some of them, but conceal others in his clothing. 12/28.

VILLAGE. An airless paint sprayer, a drill and a wrench were reported stolen from a home under construction on W. Carmel Valley Road; other tools were left at the scene. 12/28.

HIGHWAY 1. A Redondo Beach man reported a pair of diamond and pearl earrings were stolen from his room at Highlands Inn. 12/28.

MID VALLEY. A man reported a shed next to his home on Robinson Canyon had been broken into and a "hand jack wrench" taken; the wrench later was found on nearby property. 12/28.

VILLAGE. A resident at Acacia Lodge reported noisy neighbors. 12/29.

Citizens Assessing Criteria Changes

Residents who drafted design criteria for future development in the Village have been meeting to assess changes made in the document by the County planning staff and map strategy for restoring at least some of their original recommendations.

Roger Williams, one of the five, said all members of the advisory board who worked for two years on the draft met on Jan. 3 to decide how to proceed and scheduled a second meeting for Jan. 9.

"At that first meeting, we learned we have quite a bit of work to do" before the document is sent to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

On Nov. 29, Williams and Peter Coakley sat in stunned silence as the Planning Commission approved the design criteria for submission to the Supervisors without giving them a chance to voice their objections to changes made in the document by the Commission and staff.

The Carmel Valley Property Owners Association (CVPOA) board of directors subsequently voted unanimously to support the citizen's advisory group and ex-

press its concern that the Commission and staff frequently ignored advisory group recommendations when final decisions were being made.

The design criteria--originally called the Village Master Plan--is supposed to provide strong direction to the Upper Carmel Advisory Board during its consideration of proposed future development in the Village. The document covers criteria for design, colors, rooflines, building heights, pathways, external lighting, fences, parking, landscaping and signs.

Williams said that after the advisory group finishes its assessment of what changes it wants to seek, it plans to schedule a meeting with Planning Commissioner Marit Evans and staff planner Russ Lambert. He could not predict when that meeting might take place or when a final document would be sent to the Supervisors for final approval.

In addition to Williams and Coakley, other members of the advisory group were Mrs. Debbie Saxton, Fire Chief Bob Heald and merchant Randy Randazzo.

LAURELES GRADE. A woman reported her garage was burglarized and household furnishing were stolen. 12/30.

Too Close a View

HIGHWAY 1. A 23-year-old Michigan man was rescued from the rocks after falling some 20 feet while sightseeing south of Yankee Point. 12/30.

CARMEL VALLEY. A man reported from Featherbow Ranch that his mother had taken his dog and wouldn't give it back. 1/1.

VILLAGE. A 19-year-old man reported stereo equipment was stolen from his parked car which he left unlocked. 1/2.

VILLAGE. A resident reported someone took three bottles of liquor that had been stored in a garage. 1/2.

LAURELES GRADE. A man reported mail had been stolen from his mailbox. 1/2.

VILLAGE. A woman reported a burglary at her home on Esquiline Road during which two TVs, a VCR and other items were taken. 1/3.

MID VALLEY. A man reported a check for \$108, stolen from his home on Carmel Valley Road, was subsequently cashed with a forged endorsement. 1/4.

Woman's Body Found

The body of Carol Jeffrey, 58, of Monterey was found in a hot tub on Dec. 29 at a Village home she was visiting. Deputies said she died of natural causes and no foul play was suspected.

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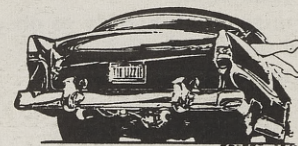


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COMMUNITY YOUTH CENTER DIRECTORS Tony Glanville, Jim Corso and Marleny Mancebo take on some nourishment as they prepare to sand and restain picnic tables during a recent Work Party. Administrator Ellen Karadimas, who organized the clean-up, paint-up event, said the Center's pressing needs are volunteer clerical help and ideas from citizens about the programs they want the Center to offer in the future.

Sun photo by Stan Hall

Water Savings Down Again; Warnings, Fines Possible

For the second month in a row, Cal Am water customers failed to meet the required 20 percent savings in December, raising the prospect that increasing numbers of them will get warning letters from rationing officials.

Chairman Dick Heuer of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District said Valley residents are likely to receive many of those warnings simply because of the timing when their two-month bills are sent out.

Water usage in December was down just 11.4 percent from the base period of December, 1987. In November, water consumption was down just 13 percent from November, 1987.

Those were the first two months since rationing went into effect Jan. 1, 1989, that the overall savings has fallen below the required 20 percent. The first 10 months of rationing saw an average reduction of about 30 percent.

Last month was one of the driest Decembers on record, and Heuer said he suspected that savings declined mainly because residents watered their yards and gardens more often.

Jerry Koenig, rationing manager for the district, agreed. But he also noted that many residents had been contacting the rationing office recently because they had houseguests over the holidays.

Koenig said people who had guests who stayed for 30 days or more were given temporary increases in their water allocations.

Heuer said overall consumption figures for December indicated that "a large number of people have not met their goals and will get notices from the water board."

Explaining that Cal Am uses eight billing periods for different areas of the region, he said Valley residents will receive most of the warnings because the billing cycle for the Valley runs from the end of

Long-Range Forecast Dims Hope for an End to Drought

Despite spotty New Year's showers, the area faces the prospect of continued drought after one of the driest Decembers on record and a long-range forecast that calls for below normal rainfall through March.

Dr. Robert Renard, head of the meteorology department at the Naval Postgraduate School, said the National Weather Service was forecasting below normal rain and temperatures near to above normal for the Central Coast during January, February and March.

"There is nothing in the big picture at this time that would indicate an imminent end to our drought," Renard said. He added, however, that global weather patterns can change, "so I wouldn't give up completely" on getting drought-ending precipitation before the end of the usual rainy season, about the middle of April.

The Central Coast is now into its fourth year of below normal rainfall, and many areas in the region are subject to some kind of rationing.

Renard, who also serves as the volunteer weather observer for Monterey, said he recorded just .16 of an inch of precipitation in December, making it one of the driest Decembers on record. Renard said

only .03 of an inch of rain was recorded in Monterey in 1930, while older records showed just a trace in 1876 and no rain at all in 1847.

Graham Matthews, who keeps weather records for the Village, said his gauge caught just .12 of an inch of rain in December, making it the driest among his records which go back to 1957.

The previous low rainfall amount recorded in the Village during a December was .26 of an inch, which occurred in 1958 and 1975, Matthews said.

A weak disturbance from the south touched off light, spotty showers on New Year's Day. Renard said he received .35 in Monterey, and Matthews recorded .39 in the Village. Some areas received higher amounts, ranging up to .81 on Yankee Point and .90 in some areas of Cachagua.

Chairman Dick Heuer of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District said what is needed to replenish the reservoirs and aquifers that serve the area is a big storm which drops several inches of rain in a short period, creating heavy runoff.

With conditions so dry, light rains like those which fell on New Year's Day soak quickly into the ground, creating little or no runoff.

October to the end of December and those bills will be the next to go out.

Koenig said the last batch of warning notices went out Dec. 20 and most of them went to Carmel and Monterey.

Heuer said that if water users reduce their consumption to within the rationing limits after receiving a warning, no fines will be assessed. If they do not comply with the rationing limits in the billing period after they have received a warning, they will be fined, he said.

The basic fine is \$25 for using up to 748 gallons of too much water, but the amount of the fines increase geometrically, going up steeply based on additional excess usage.

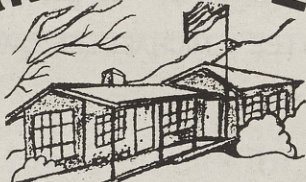
Koenig said once computerized billing data is received from Cal Am, warning letters usually are sent out within a week.

Koenig added that people who are watering their gardens and yards may not realize just how much water they are using. He said he performed an experiment at his home near the Defense Language Institute which showed he used 70 gallons of water while running an outdoor hose just 10 minutes.

City of Carmel Election Filing Deadline Nears

The filing deadline for candidates in the City of Carmel municipal election runs Jan. 11 to Feb. 1. Voters will be asked to elect a mayor and two members of the city council in the April 10 election. Candidates wishing to file for these offices should appear in person in the office of the city clerk.

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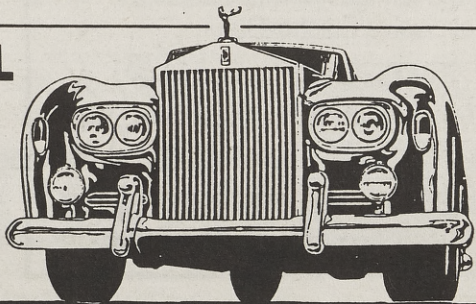
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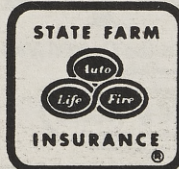
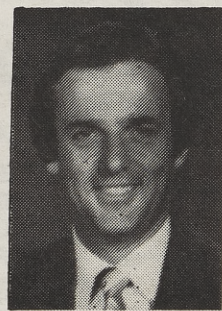
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Betty Loring will begin pre-school Storytimes again on Wednesday, Jan. 17 at 10 a.m. These programs are free, a half-hour in length and open to children, ages 3 and up.

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Volunteer Orientation Class at SPCA

The SPCA of Monterey County will hold its first adult volunteer orientation session this year on Jan. 20 for persons interested in giving their time to help the animal shelter.

Volunteers are used in every aspect at the SPCA, including: the wildlife center; as adoption counselors; in the spay/neuter clinic; as administrative assistants; dog walkers; hug-a-pet therapists; maintenance assistants; clerks in one of the benefit shops and donation collectors. The session will be held at 10 a.m. in the Education Building directly across from the entrance to the Laguna Seca Recreation Area, 1002 Monterey-Salinas Highway.

Parent-Child Classes Open Jan. 24

Carmel Unified School District Adult Education will join again this winter with the Carmel Valley Community Youth Center and Thunderbird for Kids to offer courses for parents and young children.

Purpose of the course is to provide parents with an environment where they can have fun with their child while learning about early child development, nutrition, safety and community resources. The course also provides opportunity for parents to meet other parents in the community.

Instructor for the classes is Susan Newton, M.S., Infant Development Specialist and teacher. Parent-Infant classes will be held at the Youth Center



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Garden Group Meets Jan. 11

The Carmel Valley Garden Association will hear a discussion of flowers of Alaska and The Yukon at its regular monthly meeting Jan. 11.

The group will meet at 8 p.m. at St. Dunstan's Church, Robinson Canyon. Speaker for the evening is member Ernie Marshall.

on Wednesdays from Jan. 24 through May 24. Parent Toddler Classes will be held at Thunderbird for Kids, the Barnyard, Carmel. Call 659-2489 or 624-1714.

New Babies

Erin Rebecca, daughter, born to Robin and Leland Embrey, Dec. 17.

Elliot Grant, son, born to Kevin and Susan Shabram, Dec. 14.

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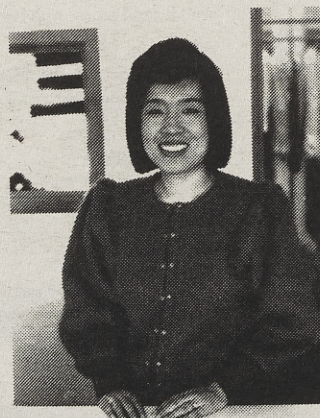


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By Elizabeth Barratt

JOE HITCHCOCK'S MEMOIRS

Carmel Valley oldtimers fondly remember Joe Hitchcock and newcomers have certainly heard of him. Joe was a Carmel Valley legend who made friends and shared stories over the span of his 88 years, most of which were spent in or near the Valley.

Joe's granddaughter, Marsha Hitchcock, who lives in Sacramento, is working on a comprehensive biography of her grandfather. When completed, the work will encompass not only the extensive Marion Crush manuscript, a compilation of Joe's life told in his own words, but many other contemporary sources as well. To this end, Marsha has received 70 microfilm reels from the Smithsonian Institution dealing with Carmel Valley History and soon will spend an extended period in the Valley doing further research and writing. She will be greatly assisted by longtime Valley resident and Carmel Valley History Society member Marvin Pylate.

Joe Hitchcock was born in Carmel Valley on Jan. 9, 1881. At the time, there were only five or six ranch houses between the Village and the mouth of the Valley. His early recollections were of rolling hillsides not dotted with beautiful homes but covered with oak trees, and sweeping fields and meadows which held cattle and farms, not subdivisions and shopping centers.

His maternal grandfather, Antonio Victorine, had come to California from the Azores during the gold rush. The venture didn't pan out, and he ended up as a whaler at Point Lobos and also did local carpentry.

Joe's paternal grandfather, Lt. Isaac Hitchcock, a native of Troy, New York, landed in Monterey with Commodore Sloat in 1846. Isaac married Madalena Peralta, a Mission Indian who was James Meadows' stepdaughter.

Joe was proud of being one-fourth Indian. His aunt, Isabelle Meadows, was the last surviving person to speak Coastanoan. She spent her last years at the Smithsonian Institution recording the language so it wouldn't be lost forever.

Part of Joe's childhood was spent on the Hatton Ranch where he was born. His fa-

ther raised cattle, irrigated the alfalfa fields and kept the ranch property fences repaired. At the time, cattle raising was the main occupation in Carmel Valley. Joe also saw the Valley slowly turn agricultural, beginning with the introduction of potatoes and beans, later fruit and vegetable crops.

All the Valley families knew each other, and everyone worked hard. Life consisted of dawn to dusk labor, to include cutting and stacking hay for the dairy and range stock winter feedings. In addition to farm produce, families supplemented their diet with wild game such as deer, rabbit, quail, wild duck and an occasional domestic hog which had gone wild.

The farm wives worked as hard in the house as the men did out of doors. Joe tells of his mother arising at 5 a.m. to light the kitchen stove to heat water for coffee. During harvest time, the workday began earlier, as soon as it was light enough to see. In addition to churning butter, making cheese, doing laundry with a washboard and tub, Joe's mother baked 16 to 20 loaves of bread daily to feed the hired hands. When necessary, besides their house chores, women also worked in the fields.

Friendships lasted a lifetime in that era. Neighbors pitched in to help and also got together to socialize. Dances and holiday events were times of great fun for Valleyites. Joe describes the social club constructed in 1890 for just social gatherings, known today as Farm Center.

As a child, Joe recalled going to the post office at what he refers to as the White Oak Inn. The post office was called Carmel then, and was in a milkhouse. Joe said sometimes the postmaster had to stop milking a cow to give callers their mail.

Joe was a storyteller and one of his local tales concerned a wild billy-goat who roamed the hills near Rancho Carmelo. The goat was anti-social and charged both men and horses, sometimes forcing those on foot to scale a nearby tree. He would then stand guard for as long as it suited him, leaving the hapless victim in his treetop perch for perhaps part of a day.



MAIDEN HAIR LANE, one of the trails designated in the 1920's when the Robles Del Rio Carmelo subdivision was first platted by Frank Porter and George Gould, that have disappeared over the years as a result of misuse and lack of maintenance. The Carmel Valley Property Owners Association recently aired complaints that such blocked trails were denying access to schoolchildren and horses. Bob Read, president of the Robles del Rio Water Company, told the Sun the group doesn't have any money and, "We really don't have anything legal saying the trails are our responsibility but we're going to try to keep them open." The water company, which sold its property rights in the area to Cal-Am in 1947, is owned by home owners in Robles del Rio, the oldest subdivision in the Valley. Sun Photo by Isabelle Hall.

Joe held a number of jobs during his long life, working on ranches and in the harness and leather trade, later in auto upholstery. Beginning in the 1940s, he wrote a weekly newspaper column about his recollections of the old days.

Joe passed away May 15, 1969. His legacy, besides preserving for us his memories of Carmel Valley early days, is to be recalled with a warm heart. People still speak well of Joe, and that's a nice way to be remembered.

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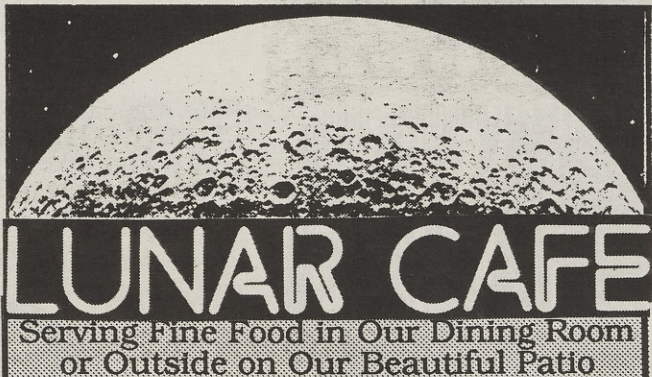
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The Art Scene

Gail Factor "Local Color" at Monterey Center

By Anita DeCarlo

I have been looking for art in nooks and crannies and other unfamiliar places if only to instill the need to search rather than accept. The familiar is not always art and I suppose the search, through this column, has been for that elusive discipline Art.

So, on to the Monterey Conference Center where shows are sponsored by the Center, the Colton Hall Museum and the Cultural Arts Commission. Already, we have possibilities because this is not a marketplace.

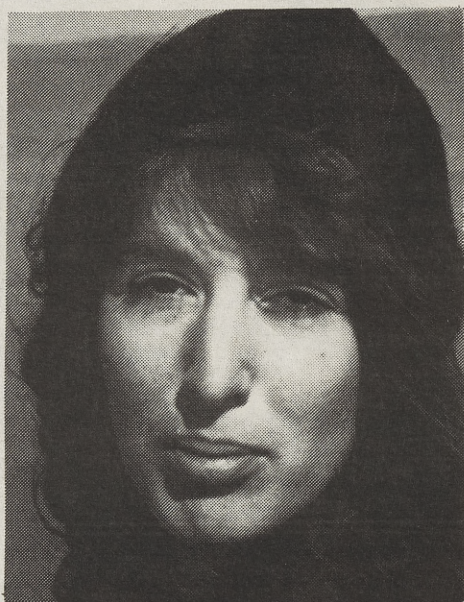
The Alvarado Lobby at the top of the stairs is quiet, spacious and well lit. Ms. Factor's large oil paintings need all of that. I am also grateful for the posted account of her intentions: "Most of my initial concepts originate from drawings (both figure and nature). The sketch contains pictorial elements. I transfer the idea quickly onto canvas. Each work evolves over days, weeks, or months. It is critical to achieve an image that is both visually and emotionally cohesive. Looking right and feeling right are equally important."

"Looking right" would be all the parts; "feeling right" would be the sum total. I think she has achieved an unequivocal success in the consistency of her applied techniques and the emotional impact. These are more than physical landscapes; they are landscapes of the psyche.

Gail is an experienced and professional painter. Her grasp of color function and drawing skills are long since built in as well as her skill with the medium itself. In "Los Banos" her explicit control of edges manipulates the space as she spears a soft cloud shape in luminous muted tones. Likewise the three dimensional twist of the green road and the hills moving into the distance in successively muted tones of brown are a masterful manipulation of space.

This trompe l'oeil is the physical impact of all the pieces and the signature of her skill. Go down the line: "Summer Storm," the intensity of the sand spits becomes a 3-D image, the careful modeling from mute to intense creating quilted edges. "Seaward" actually gives me a seasick sensation and a feeling of high speed not just a highway.

This super realism certainly has context



Anita DeCarlo



A LANDSCAPE OF THE SEA is one of the paintings by Gail Factor currently on display

in current art expression, but beyond this is the "feel" of her work, an intensity that is almost audible, a screaming silence or, is it the same? Ultimate isolation. These landscapes have been tampered with. They've been sieved through something like pain or alienation or an atom bomb or

two. There is one, "Blue Mountain," which actually has the feel of my younger son's video game landscape.

I can appreciate the achievement of Gail Factor's complex vision, be a little cowed by possible prophecy and laud her skill that she achieved this impact on me, but

will personally prefer the landscapes of Piero Guccione who comes to mind because of the similarity of subject and dexterity and general modus operandi but whose works have human desolation, rather than alienation, warmth and soft sighs. But, that's me.

ART HAPPENINGS

Four artists are featured in a Pacific Grove Art Center exhibit opening through March 2 with a 7 p.m. reception on Jan. 26. The artists are: Jean Wilsdon-Brenner, a landscape cutout artist; Ann Spencer, a painter of satirical caricatures; Randy Efros, a photographer; and Edmund Moody, an oil painter. Efros will conduct a free photo workshop at the center from 1 to 4 p.m. Jan. 27.

Carmel River School 5th grade students have an exhibit of monoprints of birds at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History.

Mervyn's Department Stores has awarded the Monterey County Cultural Council \$5,000 in support of the Spring Professional Artists in Schools program in the Salinas City School District.

Geraldine Sinclair has an exhibit of mixed media art at the Carmel Valley Manor through Jan. 31, 9-5 p.m. daily.

The Photographic Center of Monterey announces the first in a series of Master-in-Residence programs Feb. 10-March 3. The first artist/master will be Paul Caponigro. Call 625-5181.

Children from "Esquiline Child Care Center" have winter scenes of art work on display this month at the Carmel Valley Library.

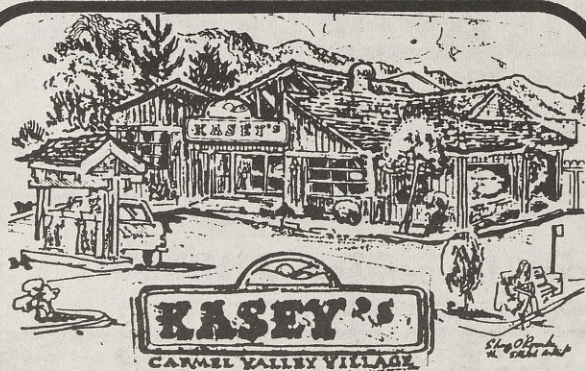
The Central Coast Art Association is having its 26th juried show at the Marjorie Evans Gallery, Sunset Center, Feb. 1 through Feb. 28.

A public reception for monetary prize-winners will be held Feb. 2 from 5-7 p.m.

Twenty images of Mexican life by the seminal American photographer and filmmaker Paul Strand (1890-1976) will be exhibited through Jan. 31 in the Gallery of the Sister Kieran Memorial Library, Santa Catalina School. A reception will be held Jan. 21, 3-5 p.m.

Carmel Valley watercolorist Ron Bean has a solo show of 32 paintings at Del Mesa Carmel through January.

The Carmel Valley Artists Group will hold its monthly meeting at 2 p.m., Jan. 17, at The Iron Kettle, Carmel Valley Village.



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Business Briefs



The New Year is seeing many changes in the Carmel Valley area business scene from a new fresh produce store at Crossroads to an antique store in the Village and an expansion for the Mid Valley bakery.

Pezzini's, a Moss Landing artichoke grower, has opened a grocery store to showcase artichokes, lemons and other fruits and vegetables in a corner shop at Crossroads.

Mark Enayati has purchased the Plaza Linda Building and is remodeling part of it for an antique shop due to open soon.

Dean and Jossie Diaz, who have been operating the Plaza Linda Restaurant for the past 26 years, want patrons to know they are still very much in business as reports of the sale of the building led to some confusion that the popular Mexican restaurant had also sold. Not so. They are open Monday through Saturday for dinner and Tuesday through Friday for lunch.

Jonas Soboleski has moved her Village Beauty Shoppe from White Oak Plaza after nine years to new quarters next to Guiseppe's Work Bench. The bright and airy new salon is on the western edge of the Village and is being shared with Mary Alice Erben who specializes in skin care and Maggie Schulz a massage therapist. Their services also are available in the home. Ms. Erben, who ran a Mexican restaurant in Munich, Germany for five years, is also the owner with her husband of the Taqueria del Mar on Lighthouse in New Monterey. Ms. Schulz, a therapist for the past six years, has worked at such famous spas as The Golden Door in Escondido.

Nancy Caldwell is the new owner of The Last Chance, a card and flower shop on the north side of Carmel Valley Road in the Village that had been operated for the past four years by Al Schadel and his dog, "Cubby." Her husband,

Breck, a San Francisco stockbroker, helps at the store on Saturdays. Their son, Aaron, is in the 8th grade at Middle School. "I'm going to add a special line of childrens' clothing, more gifts and speciality items plus items that relate wholly to Carmel Valley such as notepaper and postcards," she explained. Traveling to the commercial flower growers in Watsonville and Salinas twice a week, Ms. Caldwell takes special orders for flowers and will help on a private party from selection of the invitations to decorating the tables and ordering flowers.

Peter and Monica Thom are adding eating space and ice cream specialties to Alessandro's Bakery at Mid Valley Shopping Center. The store which will be expanded to a total of 1,000 square feet will include a new display case and three tables. In addition to their European pastries, the Thoms will offer Alessandro's ice cream and special ice cream cakes to order. It will be completed Feb. 1.

Joe and Bonnie Roth who have just moved back to the Valley from the Bay area, are opening Deli-Gourmet Foods to Go at Mid-Valley. "It's our first venture," Ms. Roth told the Sun. "We both quit our corporate jobs in San Francisco and sold our house in Danville to do this." They hope to attract lunch trade and sell their speciality take-out foods to business people on their way home, among others, when they open in February.

Fran Hughes has changed the name of his Sun Valley Realty to Valley Oak Realty and taken Ilene Crane-Franks, a salesperson with the firm for the past four years, as a partner. Ms. Crane-Franks who is now a broker says the firm will stay at its present location at 1 E. Carmel Valley Road at least for now. Salespeople include Dan Saxton, Ruth Benton, Ted Sherman, Mary



NANCY CALDWELL, new owner of The Last Chance shop in the Village, shows off her wares in a colorful sidewalk cart with red and white striped canopy.

Sun Photo by Isabelle Hall.

Doris Day Animal League Convention

A three-day retreat opens Jan. 12 at the Monterey Sheraton Hotel for members of the Doris Day Animal League of Washington, D.C.

Keynote speaker is Cleveland Amory of The Fund for Animals. Ms. Day will present awards to Reps. Barbara Boxer and Tom Lantos, both D-Calif., and Assemblymen Jack O'Connell and Sam Farr. A series of workshops will discuss such topics as "Farm Animal Issues" and "First Aid for your Companion Animal."

Wells, who also has a jet charter service, and Dennis Thush of Mushrooms & Produce.

Applicants Sought For Vets Commission

Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman is seeking qualified applicants from the 5th district to serve on the Commission on Veterans Services of Monterey County. Applicants must be a veteran, widow or spouse of a veteran or the surviving child of a veteran killed or missing in action. Write the Supervisor at 1200 Aguajito Road, Suite 006, Monterey, CA 93940 with interests and qualifications.

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AN AERIAL VIEW of the Odello artichoke fields taken in the 1950's. Land on the west side of Highway 1 is now owned by the state as permanent farmland.

Highlands Airs Opposition to Odello Ranch Plan

Virtually every feature of the proposed Odello Coast Ranch project south of Highway 1 and Crossroads was opposed Monday night at an emotionally charged two-hour hearing before the Highlands/Bixby Advisory Committee at Carmel Highlands Fire Department.

The committee did not decide what position it will take when it forwards comments on the 134-acre project to the County Planning Commission for inclusion in the final Environmental Impact Report (EIR). But the tenor of the meeting did not favor any part of the plan to build 76 single-family units and a commercial center on the artichoke fields which have been farmed since the late 1880's.

"You're not being fair," said Bruna Odello after hearing all the comments. "I can tell already how you think."

"We're just picking on the EIR," replied Committee Chair Elaine Gloodt, noting that the advisory committee is just "the

bottom rung in the ladder" of hearings for the long-standing project. The present EIR is the eighth to be presented since 1962. No major project of its kind has been approved since adoption of the Carmel Area Land Use Plan April 14, 1983, and the Coastal Implementation Plan Jan. 5, 1988.

"The county chose the EIR preparers and we paid for them, up front," said Mrs. Odello. "I think we're being discriminated against. If not another nail were allowed to be pounded in anywhere in the county, I'd have to accept it. But it will be and we are the ones being discriminated against."

"I don't think it's discrimination," responded Glen Gray, a Highlands resident. "I think it's unfortunate you chose to propose this development right now. You should have done it years ago."

"We first proposed it 26 years ago," Mrs. Odello replied.

Gray complained that adding an esti-

mated 2,815 daily trips to the 10,800 vehicles now traveling Highway 1 south would "make an impossible situation more impossible. Those of us who live in the Highlands won't even be able to get home."

Mrs. Gloodt was concerned that the project would not come under County flood control because the planned units total 90, the cutoff number for county regulation.

Art Hull, a retired meteorologist and oceanographer who lives at Yankee Point, said the EIR plan to add five feet of fill to the artichoke fields "would be like putting a thin crust over a bowl of jello."

Hull said test borings of the site were all performed in the summer after periods of drought and gave an erroneous impression of the shallow water table that would exist under normal conditions.

"The proposed development is highly

questionable as it is in a river flood plain and the whole project may be a disaster waiting to happen," Hull said.

William J. Hurst, head of the Monterey County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, said, "The Odellos have addressed our concerns with this project. They're making a very large portion of land available for flood control. The south levee along the Odello property could be lowered to one to 7 feet above the 10-year flood level so flood water could spill onto the fields."

Committee member Richard Stokes said a fault lies under the Carmel River: "If there was a flood and earthquake together, water would inundate the whole place."

Tom Roffman, a Mal Paso Creek area resident, complained that many of the figures in the EIR were wrong. He said according to his estimates, bringing in fill

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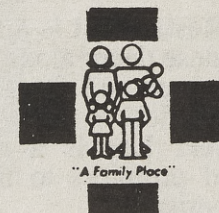
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Will Wetlands Be a Roadblock for Hatton Canyon Freeway?

By Dick Heuer

President George Bush has established a national policy of "no net loss of wetland habitat." The proposed Hatton Canyon Freeway will permanently destroy over 10 acres of wetland habitat.

How to compensate for destruction of these wetlands is an issue that could delay or block approval of the Hatton Canyon Freeway. Quoted below is a lengthy excerpt from a letter from U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to Caltrans on this issue.

The letter is quoted at length for two reasons:

- It describes problems Caltrans will encounter in obtaining permits for the Hatton Canyon Freeway.
- It also illustrates why any other major project — such as a dam or reservoir on the Carmel River — takes so incredibly long to be approved and could eventually be rejected.

California has lost to development 90% of its wetland habitat.

First some background. Wetlands play a vital role in the food chain for many species, yet they are the most endangered of all habitat types. During the past 100 years, California has lost to development 90 percent of its wetland habitat, according to California Department of Fish & Game.

Before wetlands can be destroyed, the law requires that an equivalent amount of wetland, serving a comparable biological function, be created in some other nearby location. Caltrans has prepared a "Conceptual Riparian Wetland Restoration Plan." This plan describes how Caltrans plans to meet requirements to "mitigate" the impact of the freeway on wetland habitat. It includes planting of willows and cottonwoods on about 10 acres of Mission Ranch and River School property that was cleared of trees many years ago.

Here are the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service comments on this plan:

"We would like to use this opportunity to express some of our concerns relative to the riparian mitigation which should be addressed in the final plan. We would also like to provide some brief comments on other aspects of mitigation for impacts to fish and wildlife from the proposed project.

"We have previously informed you that portions of the Carmel School and Mission Ranch mitigation properties may be wetlands. If significant portions of these properties are found to be wetlands, we would not count those wetland acres toward acre-for-acre replacement of riparian habitat. If more than about 4.8 acres of wetlands are found on those two parcels, the mitigation plan would no longer meet our goal of acre-for-acre replacement of riparian wetlands.

"The final mitigation plan should include assurances that sufficient water will be available...."

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

"We would like to be provided with the calculations used to determine the acreages of the various on-site and off-site mitigation sites. We request this because it appears that the sizes of some of the areas may not be as large as anticipated.

"The source of water to maintain the new riparian areas is of concern to us. As you are well aware, water is in short supply in the project area. During site inspections, we noted mature riparian trees being rather severely stressed from lack of water along the Carmel River. The provision of adequate water will obviously be a big factor in the ultimate success of the riparian mitigation efforts. The final mitigation plan should include assurances that sufficient water will be available to sustain the riparian areas in perpetuity.

"An acceptable final mitigation plan must include a contingency plan which would be implemented in the eventuality that the proposed plan does not function as anticipated. The contingency plan should have a stated objective of providing whatever corrective or additional mitigation measures are required to fully compensate for project-related losses of fish and wildlife habitat. The contingency plan should also specify the conditions which would trigger its implementation....

"There will be impacts to fish and wildlife habitat beyond those caused by removal of riparian vegetation. Full mitigation should also be provided for losses of these other habitats, which include stream, oak woodland, Monterey pine forest, and coastal scrub.

"Much of the stream which runs through Hatton Canyon would be filled by the project. While a portion of the stream would be relocated to the west side of the Canyon, there would still be a net loss in stream area and length. The quality of the relocated stream would likely be less than the existing creek because of its more linear nature, polluted runoff from the new highway, and sedimentation from the fill slopes. It is unclear if the relocated channel would exhibit the same periodicity and magnitude of flows. To assure these factors are adequately duplicated, the flow characteristics of the existing stream should be carefully documented before any construction in the Canyon takes place. In short, additional mitigation measures should be identified to recreate a stream equal in quality and size to the existing stream.

"There is a fresh water marsh beneath the dense riparian canopy in the lower portion of Hatton Canyon. Full in-kind mitigation should be provided for the loss of this habitat type. Ideally, it should be re-created at one of the riparian mitigation sites to attain truly in-kind replacement. Again, an adequate water source will be critical to the re-creation of the marsh.

"Additional mitigation measures should be identified...."

"It is our conclusion that with much additional and careful planning, acceptable in-kind mitigation may be possible to offset the losses of portions of individual habitat types which would be lost from construction of a new freeway through Hatton Canyon. However, we do not believe it is possible to fully mitigate for all fish and wildlife values which would be lost from project construction. Values which now exist in the Canyon due to the mosaic of cover types and their interspersions, and the tremendous amount of "edge" created by this mix will not be re-established. The re-establishment of all the individual cover types of the Hatton Canyon ecosystem at various locations

cannot duplicate the Hatton Canyon ecosystem and the complex interactions between the Canyon's physical features and its biotic communities, nor its faunal diversity. Basically, the sum of the (mitigation) parts will not add up to the (Hatton Canyon) whole.

"Our finding that the Revised Conceptual Plan would likely offset losses of riparian habitat (the plan does not address other cover types) from project construction should not be interpreted as Service support for the project. We have stated in the past that the Service did not support the Hatton Canyon alternative because it would have a substantial adverse impact on wetlands, and because it is not water dependent. The Service will make its final recommendations on the project after re-

"We have stated in the past that the Service did not support the Hatton Canyon alternative because it would have a substantial adverse impact on wetlands."

viewing the upcoming Final Environmental Impact Statement."

According to Gary Ruggerone, Caltrans' senior environmental planner for the Hatton Canyon Freeway, "this letter indicates that Fish & Wildlife Service is basically pretty comfortable with the conceptual restoration plan. They point out a couple additional things they want in the conceptual plan, and some other things they want in the final plan. The conceptual plan is all that is needed now in connection with processing the EIS. The final plan can't be prepared until after final design of the freeway has been completed, so that we know precisely what the impacts will be."

The final plan must be approved before permits can be issued for the project. If there is disagreement between Caltrans and Fish & Wildlife Service on the adequacy of the plan, the final decision is made by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

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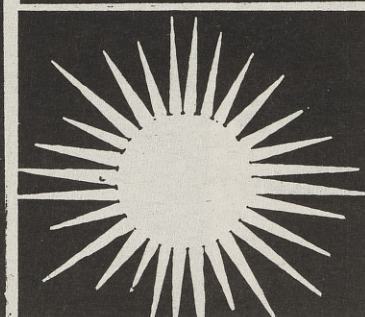
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Out and About

By Isabelle Hall

Given the slightest excuse to travel the coast highway and my husband and I are headed south, marveling anew at the beauty of Big Sur. During the recent holidays, we were excited to find the brooding hillsides turning green with recent rains, scant as they have been.

I kept my eyes on the sparkling ocean to see if I could spot a whale or two but the sun was so strong on the waves, it was impossible to find a waterspout from the height of the highway.

We did drive through clouds of Monarch butterflies, apparently heading north on their annual migration. Astonishingly, these creatures with a 4-inch wingspan and a cruising speed of 10 mph migrate up to 2,000 miles. It is estimated that three million of the black-and-orange butterflies winter on the California coast in the tall eucalyptus, Monterey pine and Monterey cypress trees native to the coast.

Once we had crossed the Monterey County line into the more rolling countryside south of Ragged Point Lighthouse, we did see a lot of seals cavorting in the ebbtide and wished we had time to get out and explore the tidepools.

FROM SAN SIMEON where William R. Hearst's improbable castle stands out like the magic towers of fairyland all the way south to the fertile lettuce fields of Ventura, the signs of severe drought are much worse than on the Monterey Peninsula. The hills are purple and brown. They have been eaten to bare earth by grazing herds of cattle who now must be fed with fresh bunches of hay. I have not seen green on the hills through Gaviota Pass in almost a year.

Highway 1 in California is arguably one of the most scenic in the country and the stretch through the Central Coast is as interesting as any part of the nearly 1,000-mile route. From San Simeon, the road skirts Cambria which is unfortunate for this is an interesting town and worth a sidetrip if only for the arts and crafts shops.

In 1985, we had a memorable "side trip" to Cambria with good friends from Michigan. We were on a whirlwind vacation that took us from the desert in Palm Springs to the beaches of San

Diego. In that intriguing city where I always feel a touch of vertigo at the thought it is virtually the end of America, we spent half a day at the zoo--there was a special exhibit of Golden Monkeys from China, saw a space show at the planetarium, and took the boat trip around the harbor.

Of course, we stayed at The Coronado, that incredible old gingerbread hotel with its multiplicity of turrets and meandering hallways leading to hundreds of little rabbit warren rooms. Our rooms that night happened to be enormous and we lay in bed with the doors and windows to

the verandahs wide open, listening to the ocean waves lapping the beach below. Before sunrise, we were awakened by a large group of Navy divers on maneuvers in the bay, a stark reminder that San Diego is a major naval base.

DRIVING NORTH on that trip we stopped overnight in Beverly Hills and took in the races at Hollywood Park. Miss Dorothy won virtually every race and beamed about it all the way home. Thus far, the trip had been planned but heavy snowstorms made us cancel an excursion to Lake Tahoe so we decided to drive to San Francisco, instead, an inspired move as it turned out for the weather along Highway 1 was perfect.

Figuring we might never have another chance to see fabled San Simeon, we looked up our

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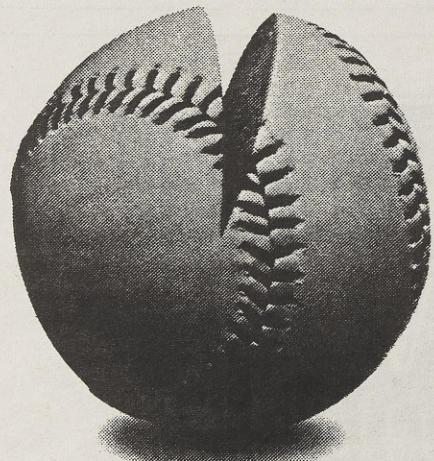
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AAA Tour Book and came across a little motel in Cambria that was given four stars. Aside from its strategic location at Moonstone Beach, there was nothing to recommend even one star for this lodging. It was so cold we put all our clothes on to go to bed and still lay shivering. The accommodation was so incredibly bad, we ended up laughing over the visit for years afterward.

Still, we used to visit Cambria until we spent a night at Morro Bay and were captivated by this seaside community which is part fishing village and part bird sanctuary and where you can watch both birds and boats together in the marshes formed behind the great long sandspit that separates the town from the Pacific.

THERE IS A BLUE HERON sanctuary in a tall grove of fragrant eucalyptus trees at the south end of Morro Bay and there are dozens of sea birds to be seen just while enjoying lunch at one of the wharfside restaurants where the local fish catch is irresistible.

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Dominating the scene is Morro Rock, an unlikely outcropping just offshore that gives the town its name. Point Sur Lighthouse 100 miles or so north is a similar type of rounded rock formation jutting out of the water at the ocean's edge. Morro Rock is 576 feet high. The sandspit is one of only two such major formations classified as such by naturalists on the entire California coast.

From Morro Bay south, Highway 1 travels through San Luis Obispo and Santa Maria, two rapidly-growing communities that used to be just farmland and ranches, to bustling Santa Barbara which has become almost the northern edge of the Los Angeles metropolitan area although it is still two hours away.

OFF SANTA BARBARA that day the mysterious Channel Islands were dimly visible. These islands call to me like the ancient Greek sirens and I would like to visit them. Santa Barbara and Montecito are interesting cities but

the highway speeds you through them today, hurrying south.

We hurried south with it, anxious to see our daughter in Van Nuys. Christmas in California always seems a bit unreal to me. Having grown up and lived most of my life in the cold north, I expect winter to bring snow and ice, short, gray days and freezing temperatures. It seems particularly unreal in Los Angeles which I visited for the first time in 1968 when I will never forget seeing Christmas trees for sale on the streets that had been sprayed with black, pink, chartreuse and purple paint.

This past Christmas Eve, we had a small family dinner at the gracious, old Bel Air Hotel then drove through Beverly Hills and Bel Air, marveling at the bizarre display of lights decorating many of the huge mansions.

No one said Los Angeles was tasteful. And being in the midst of so many millions of people made the drive home after Christmas even more enjoyable as we reached the wild coast of southwestern Monterey County which now feels like home.

Fire Department Consolidation

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necessarily perform," Carmel Valley Fire Chief Bob Heald pointed out, "Such as animal rescue, helping someone back into bed or catching a rattlesnake in someone's garage."

"Local control is the issue," concurred fellow firefighter Jeff Trapp.

Virtually all of the fire departments in the region with the exception of the all-volunteer Cachagua fire department utilize a mix of paid and volunteer personnel in providing fire and medical emergency services.

Even so, fire protection costs in the region exceeded \$4 million during funding year 1988-89. Pebble Beach spent, \$1,550,284; CSA 43 (Rio Road), \$989,748; Carmel Mid Valley, \$589,354; Carmel Valley, \$496,739; Carmel Highlands, \$385,109; and CSA 39, \$142,141, last year for a total of \$4,153,477.

The study contends that consolidation would reduce that figure by almost \$400,000 to the region as a whole. However, if Pebble Beach decided not to participate, any potential savings would be automatically wiped out, according to the report.

Funding for the individual fire departments within the region is derived primarily from property taxes and local contributions, called Special District Augmentation Funds (SDAF).

Even if current SDAF levels were frozen throughout the 1990's, real revenue growth in the region may outstrip inflation. This would be the result of the appreciation of property values in the Monterey/Carmel area, commercial development—particularly at the Mouth of the Valley—

and growth in tourist-related facilities such as hotels and restaurants in recent years.

While most local fire departments increased their dependence in dollar amounts upon Special District Augmentation Funds over the past decade, their proportionate reliance upon those funds decreased, the report said. California Department of Forestry agencies, however, increased their proportional dependence upon augmentation funding.

Some local fire officials argue privately that the Greater Carmel Valley region is a low-volume, or low call, service area and that the individual departments within the region are capable of providing all of the service that is necessary for their individual communities without consolidation.

Cooperation among the various departments over the past decade in training, shared information and mutual assistance has worked well in providing service to the region, one source said, adding, "Consolidation would be classic over-kill."

Data provided by the Hughes, Heiss study indicates that Carmel Mid Valley, CSA 43 and Pebble Beach are the only fire protection agencies to receive even one fire or other call per day on average. Carmel Valley experiences two calls for service every three days; Carmel Highlands, one call every other day; CSA 39, one call every five days; and Cachagua one call every 10 days.

"For the region as a whole, approximately 5.4 calls for service occur per day. Fire-related calls are very infrequent in the region, less than one call every other day for the entire region (including structural fires, grass fires, vehicle fires and other fire-related calls)," the report said. "No

agency in the region experiences a fire-related call more frequently than once every 10 days on average."

"Almost 63 percent of the call-for-service workload regionally is emergency medical service-related. This rate has grown marginally from 60 percent of total call-for-service workload in 1980."

The range in EMS-related workload is wide: Cachagua, 58% of all calls are emergency medical service related; Carmel Highlands, 64%; Carmel Valley, 59%; CSA 39, 76%; Carmel Mid Valley, 69%; CSA 43 85%; and Pebble Beach, 55%.

At present, Monterey County and regional fire and emergency medical system service providers are in the midst of competing plans to provide a comprehensive emergency system plan including paramedic support on a county-wide basis.

Consolidation of the region's local fire departments would involve the creation of a new government body, according to the study, which is provided for by state law.

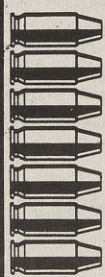
The proposed new structure would consist of: one fire chief at a salary of \$65,000 per year; three battalion chiefs at \$52,000 per year; 12 captains at \$39,000; 17 lieutenant/engineers at \$34,125 and two clerical positions at \$24,000 for a total of 52 paid personnel at a total cost of \$1,819,250.

Estimated overtime pay of \$227,406 and employee benefits (at 50% of salaries) of \$909,625 and estimated management and operations costs of an estimated \$798,218 would result in a total cost to the region of \$3,754,499 under the consolidation plan, the study said.

Savings to the region under the plan would be \$398,878 per year, the study indicates, and a reduction in 4.5 staff positions.

If the California Department of Forestry is not the provider for fire services under the consolidation plan, however, no staff positions will be lost in the region, the report said.

The study draft which has already been distributed to regional fire protection agencies and local entities, will be discussed at the next meeting of the Regional Fire Protection Council, Jan. 31 at Mid Valley Fire Department. The consulting firm said consolidation should be viewed as a long-term objective.



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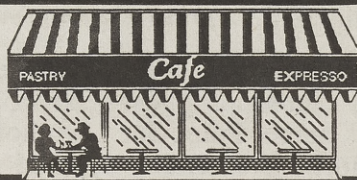
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Built in the early 1900's, Highlands Inn was expensively remodeled in the 80's and the dining room is today one of the most attractive on the coast. Virtually every table has some view of the ocean and the towering pine trees while the room alone is architecturally pleasing to enjoy. To illustrate the exceptional detail with which the inn was restored, the massive living and dining rooms are softened with beautiful, huge gray and turquoise pots, specially commissioned from Cachagua potter Michael Anderson, a Carmel native.

In the past year or so, My Friend and I have frequently enjoyed dinner at Highlands--we can walk to it--and never been disappointed in the food or the service. We are now at the point that we have established favorites.

I am hardpressed not to start with the Local Baby Lettuces, a light and airy salad with oak lettuce, raddichio, curly endive, bibb, spinach and whatever green is fresh from the fields that day. Then I almost have to order the roast chicken because it instantly transports me to a childhood time of my mother's cooking. The tender, range-free chicken breast is enhanced by being stuffed with a mixture of truffles and thighmeat, then served with heavenly potatoes whipped with cream and butter and spiced with roasted garlic cloves.

MF is equally addicted to the filet of beef on black pepper raviolis with Roquefort--a pancake-like creation in which the pungent, sharp cheese contrasts beautifully with the rich, juicy steak.

This is not to say we have never tried some of the other offerings such as juicy pheasant, crisp peppered duck with ginger noodles, or veal with pasta risotto and shitake mushrooms--all good--but we keep going back to chicken and steak. On a recent visit, two friends ordered the Norwegian salmon with braised artichokes and dill and another had grilled Pacific swordfish with winter grapes and chanterelle mushrooms.

We also have our favorite desserts: the creme brulee is among the best; any of the house sorbets and ice creams are exceptional; and if there is a warm fruit tart or crepes with ice cream, order it.

There is something very comforting about the reliability of a good hotel dining room and in this area, Highlands Inn is it.

Pacific's Edge Restaurant, Highlands Inn, Highway 1, Carmel Highlands. 624-0471.



PACIFIC'S EDGE RESTAURANT at Highlands Inn has spectacular views of the ocean waves pounding the rocky coast just below Highway 1. Sun Photo by Stan Hall.

Spago

Wolfgang Puck's home base is a treat; a treat for the mind, the eyes, the spirit and the palate. If you could go to only one restaurant in the Los Angeles megalopolis, I would recommend Spago because there may not be another one quite like it.

We were treated to the whole show two nights before Christmas: the master was present and

orchestrating the performance with the verve and aplomb that has made this chef a star who shines above many of the Hollywood genre.

As popular as it is, we felt fortunate to get a 6:30 p.m. reservation and even more fortunate to get a table with a direct view of the open kitchen. This is akin to an oceanside view at Fisherman's Wharf because this kitchen is one of the most fascinating things to watch in L.A., a city of countless sights. Granted, I enjoy restaurants, and particularly the workings of restaurants, the whole scene is exciting.

Wolfgang Puck, a beautifully coiffed, genial, substantial man in his starched whites, is like a general in command of his troops. The lesser cooks behind the high bar wear caps that make me think of the gun battery crew on a battleship;

and they snap to attention with the same kind of discipline.

"What are you cooking over there?" demanded the general. "It looks like London Fog."

Shouting from across the restaurant when he saw the offensive smoke, Puck instantly

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commanded the attention of his only female chef who promptly extinguished the fumes that were offending her chief before they could annoy the customers. This was but a small bit of his total attentiveness to the battle scene--the kitchen.

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Puck has been criticized and mocked for his pizza, (he markets a frozen variety), but they are good. We split one with goat cheese, duck sausage and mushrooms to whet our appetites. The duck sausage had an incredible flavor of pork sausage yet it was tender duckling.

MF had tenderly cooked, succulent calves' liver with a melange of small vegetables--eggplant, peppers, yellow squash, green beans.

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Our friend had what she pronounced, "the best dinner I ever ate," a plate of delicately sauteed quail on red pepper sauce. I had tiny squab in spinach fettucine, good but not quite as superior as the quail.

All the while we watched the dance of the waiters and chefs, performing their charming ballet.

Desserts were the most difficult; they all sounded so tempting. MF and I decided to share a rich pecan tart with house-made caramel ice cream while our friend indulged in a slice of chocolate torte on deep red raspberry sauce. Who knows? It might be another year before we get a chance to go back.

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Odello

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for the project would take 4,500 double transfer truckloads and he asked, "What will happen to the traffic?"

"There is nothing personal in my objection to your project," Roffman told Mrs. Odello. "That doesn't mean my family and I have to be saddled with your project. You're making money farming artichokes."

"No. We're not," replied Mrs. Odello.

Mrs. Glodt said she understood that the Big Sur Land Trust had offered \$4 million for the land in the 1980's. Mrs. Odello said it had been the Coastal Conservancy which wanted to buy the parcel.

Of the 16 persons in attendance, only two or three indicated they had read the EIR which was made public Nov. 20, reported in the local newspapers and made available in public libraries.

Gray told Mrs. Odello reaction would be different "If we had all the water we needed and no traffic problems."

Contending there are benefits to the community in her project, Mrs. Odello said, "I'm going to stay here and I'm going to die here. Hell and high water won't drive me out."

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Dr. Austin of the C.V. Family Dental Care Center, was elected prior to the chamber's Christmas party at Valley Lodge Dec. 14. Other new officers include: First Vice-President, Robert Infelise,

Carmel Unified School District; Second Vice-President, John McCord, Carmel Valley Inn; Secretary, Linda Horning, attorney, and Kathryn Hoshor, Pieces of Heaven; Treasurer, Vivian Miller, First Interstate Bank; and Past President, Cal Jepson, Carmel Valley Ranch Resort Hotel.

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The first in a series of benefits planned by the Carmel Board of Realtors to help maintain the historic house, it will feature wine and hors d'oeuvres plus prizes. Tickets are \$12.50 per person. June Oliverio of Hampton Court Properties is chairing the event.

Among prizes are three tours of Tor House for six persons each. Jeffers built the house for his family and lived in it until his death.

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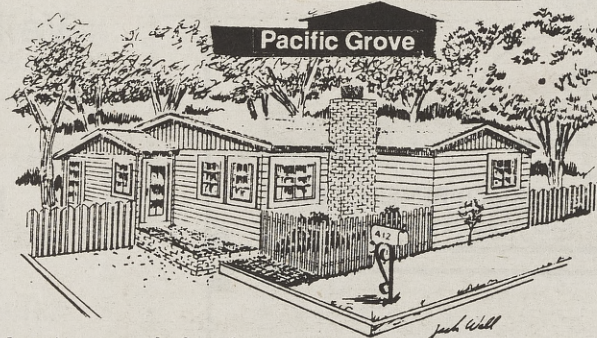
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71 LAKE PLACE, Quidpro Exchange, Inc., to Robert N. Beck. \$485,000.

151 HACIENDA CARMEL, Richard B. and Edith L. Moore to Clementina Thomson. \$115,000.

CENTER STREET, Imperial Savings Association to Federal National Mortgage Exchange. \$155,000.

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21 MEADOW PLACE, Julie A. Risdon to Ty and Ann Ebright. \$249,500.

4 PHELPS WAY, Amy Berman and Konrad Kiaser to Brian Douglas Westbrook. \$227,500.

DELFINO PLACE, John G. and Jane E. Olin to Sam J. Balister, Joseph M. and Debra Anastasia, and Anthony and Natalie Palma. \$150,000.

WHITE OAK LANE, Norma Frances Cohn to Clarence and Marjorie Ann Noble. \$245,000.

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TORRES STREET, H. D. Newman Inc. to Robin S. Rouse. \$505,000.

26345 SCENIC DRIVE, John J. and Shirley Mead to William J. Latchford. \$2,150,000.

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CASANOVA STREET, Freda Peck to Noel O. and Diana Mapstead. \$350,000.

SANTA RITA STREET, Richard E. Soden to Robert N. Beck. \$375,000.

JUNIPERO STREET, Daniels & House Construction Co. to Dean Y. Ishii. \$550,000.

TORRES STREET, Clifford Brannick to Kenneth L. and Constance L. I. Hess. \$562,500.

4000 RIO ROAD, Christina and Paul Bishop to Elizabeth A. Mertl. \$137,000.

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PALO COLORADO CANYON, Jerri Harvey to Samuel Read. \$140,000.

PALO COLORADO CANYON, John Garvin Reininghaus to Western American Exchange Corp. \$90,000.

PALO COLORADO CANYON, Western American Exchange Corp. to Melissa Lofton. \$90,000.

FERN CANYON ROAD, Richard Gushman II to Colin Peters. \$380,000.

160 MAL PASO ROAD, Genevieve Peterson to Vincent J. and Carmen Lostetter. \$400,000.

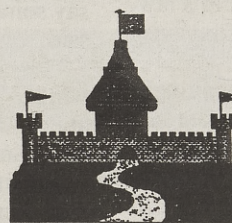
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Fellows work in a state senator's capitol office, participate in academic seminars for which they receive 12 graduate credits from California State University, and are paid a stipend of \$1,560 a month plus health and dental benefits.

Anyone who has graduated from college by June 1990 is eligible. There is no preferred major and no need to be a recent graduate. The deadline for applications is Feb. 14. Fourteen fellowships will be awarded by the Senate Rules

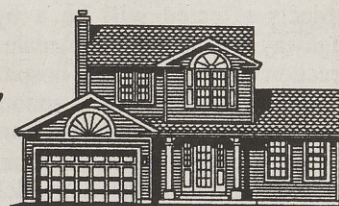
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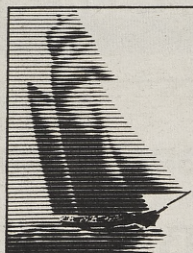
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Measure B**Group Challenges Tax Hike**

Approval of 1/2 cent countywide sales tax increase which would provide \$25 million to widen a portion of Carmel Valley Road has been challenged in a lawsuit by the Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association.

Taxpayers President Ron Pasquinelli said the legal issue is whether a state law which provided for the measure to be approved by a simple majority of voters is valid. He noted that Proposition 13, approved by 68 percent of state voters in 1978, stipulated that any special taxes must be approved by a two-thirds vote.

After the lawsuit was filed in Monterey County Superior Court, county officials said projects depending on funds from the approval of Measure B in the Nov. 7 election would be delayed indefinitely. In addition to Carmel Valley Road, major projects affected will be a bypass on Highway 101 through Prunedale and construction of a new County hospital.

After the election, it was announced that Measure B was approved by an 11 vote margin. But the taxpayers group sought and paid for a hand recount which showed it won by 5 votes. The recount tally was 21,284 to 21,279.

The recount showed North County and Salinas voted for the proposal by about the same margin that the Peninsula and South County voted against it. Carmel Valley precincts defeated the tax 1,581 to 1,467.

State Assemblyman Sam Farr, D-Carmel, who introduced the law allowing for tax increases to be approved by a simple majority, acknowledged that the legal issue fell into "a gray zone."

"The Board of Supervisors knew there was some risk, but they didn't have any other options except to sit and wait and say some day this will be cleared up," Farr said.

"It's going to be a hot issue for a while," he added, "because it is the first ability the counties have had to raise revenue since Proposition 13. The framers of Proposition 13 and those who thought they could bring government to a screaming halt are very concerned about this tool."

Pasquinelli said that in a similar case in San Diego County, a judge found that Proposition 13 had been "purposely circumvented."

Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman expressed disappointment that the lawsuit will cause funding delays for several projects.

"We have a hospital in desperate straits and libraries in danger of being decimated without additional support," she said.

The 1/2 cent additional tax was designed to raise \$335 million over its 20-year lifetime. It was scheduled to start being collected April 1, but county officials said they were unsure whether it would be in view of the challenge.

Events

THE MONTEREY BAY REPUBLICAN WOMEN, Federated will host a luncheon with Assemblyman Eric Seastrand as speaker, at Rancho Canada, 1:30 a.m., Jan. 19.

SANDRA FORMAN, ornamental horticulture instructor at MPC, will lecture on year-round care of roses, \$12, La Mirada Gardens, 9-11:30 a.m., Jan. 18.

EMBROIDERERS' GUILD OF AMERICA night meeting on how to make a needle case, Crossroads Community Room, 7-10 p.m., Jan. 15.

HERBALISM in the 90's: Rediscovering the Grace and Usefulness of Plants. (Case study of four herbs). \$5. Thunderbird Bookshop's Whole Life Center, 7 p.m., Jan. 15.

THE AMERICAN CHAMBER PLAYERS will perform at Sunset Center Theater, San Carlos and 9th, Carmel, \$10. 8 p.m., Jan. 12.

THE MONTEREY BAY CAGE BIRD CLUB will hear avian consultant Sally Blanchard, Hilltop Center, 871 Jesse St., New Monterey, 10 a.m., Jan. 13.

PAUL ANKA will perform in a benefit concert for Santa Catalina School, wine reception 7 p.m., concert 8 p.m., Performing Arts Center. \$75. Jan. 20.

GUITARIST WILLIAM KANENGISER, first prize winner Concert Artists Guild International New York Competition, in concert. \$20. Sunset Center, Carmel, 8 p.m., Jan. 18.

ACT (Adolescents Caring for Themselves), Monterey County Health Department's teen parenting program, needs committed volunteers. Winter training starts Jan. 17. 757-2347.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), Chapter 579, meets at New Monterey Neighborhood Center, 1:30 p.m., Jan. 16.

SELF-DEFENSE TECHNIQUES for Women is the topic of a free public workshop, Education Center, Community Hospital Recovery Center, 576 Hartnell St., Monterey, 10-11:30 a.m., Jan. 20.

DR. BLASE BONPANE, executive director for the Office of the Americas, will speak on "The Crisis in Central America", New Forum luncheon, the Lodge at Pebble Beach, noon, Jan. 11.

MONTEREY PENINSULA COLLEGE Players will present "Little Murders" by Jules Feiffer at Cherry Hall, Carmel, Thursdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m. Jan. 11-Feb. 3.

"THE COMMON PROBLEMS of the Aging Eye will be offered at a free public symposium, Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, 9 a.m.-12 noon, Jan. 20.

CPR CLASSES are scheduled by Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Jan. 15 and 22, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Feb. 3.

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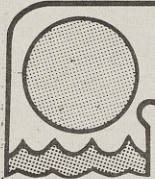
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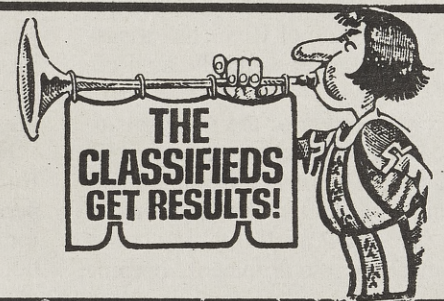


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Big Sur Purchases Made Under Prop 70

Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman scheduled a news conference for Wednesday to mark the County's first three land purchases aimed at protecting critical viewsheds in Big Sur.

Money for the purchases comes from a \$25 million fund established under Proposition 70, which was approved by state voters in 1988 as part of the Wildlife Coastal and Park Land Conservation Bond.

Calling it an "historic occasion," Mrs. Strasser Kauffman scheduled the news conference for 11:30 a.m. at Hudson House, which is west of Highway 1 just north of Point Lobos.

Following the Board of Supervisors' expected approval of the purchases on Tuesday, Jan. 9, she said the owners of the three parcels will be officially notified of the action at the news conference.

The three parcels being purchased are:

- Harry Hunt property, 6.14 acres, east side of Highway 1, 4.9 miles south of the Carmel River Bridge. \$350,000.
- Zirker property, 1.59 acres, east side of Highway 1 north of Rocky Creek. \$325,000.
- Perrine property, 5 acres in Sycamore Canyon, Dani Ridge area, which can be seen from Pfeiffer State Beach. \$215,000.

Water Board Meeting

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nance. It will take five votes of the seven member board to approve it.

The Board voted to keep the ordinance in place until the "Carmel River has a sustained flow to the ocean and the aquifers are filled."

Board consideration of the proposals to be included in the ordinance began at 11:00 p.m. after nearly 50 people from an audience estimated at 400 spoke out either in favor of strict hookup limits or against them. Sometimes, the comments became emotional.

The Board initially split 3-3 on the exemption for single family dwelling lots of

record, with Davis, an architect, not participating. Chairman Dick Heuer broke the tie by switching his vote from no to yes, allowing hookups for single family lots. He later explained this was consistent with what he proposed at meetings last May and August.

Hekhuis and fellow new boardmember, Bob Russell, voted against issuing permits for single family lots, each calling for an increased water supply before additional water hookups are allowed.

About three-quarters of those who spoke during the public hearing seemed to represent the construction industry. Many

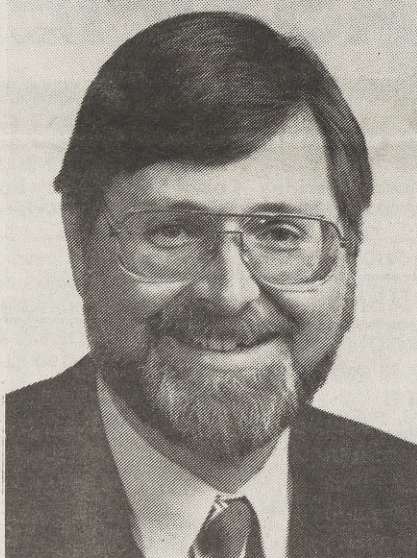
asked that one industry not be subjected to undue economic hardship, arguing that jobs will be lost.

Jack Angel, a manager for Granite Construction, said "I think residents will say that if it means my next door neighbor's job, I can live with more cutbacks."

Supervisor Karin Strasser Kauffman said, "Yes, there are jobs at stake. That's a very serious consideration. We want to avoid harming people if we can. But if we don't act, we jeopardize the little bit of water we have left." She added that "this district is here to make sure we have enough water for our current users."

After Davis withdrew his nomination of Lombardo to serve on the citizen's rationing review committee, he then nominated Phil Lombardi, general manager of the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Monterey, to take Lombardo's place.

The review committee was then approved unanimously. In addition to Lombardi, it will be made up of Kenneth Long, Terry Thomas, Frances Farina, Jeff Grover, Locksin Thompson and Elizabeth Leeper.



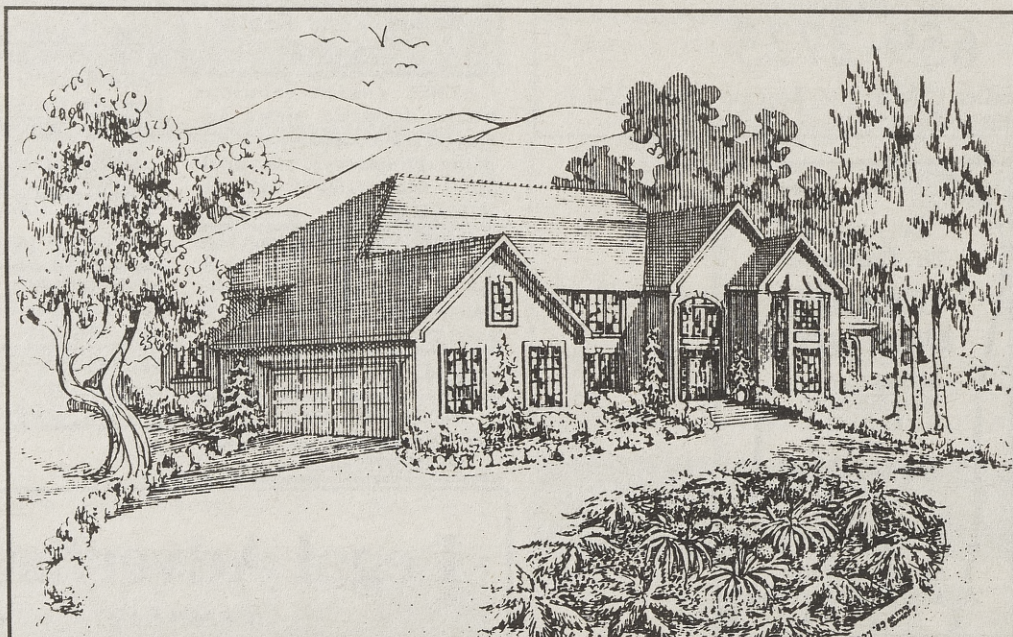
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